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KDHE helps create jobs by funding additional wastewater infrastructure projects across Kansas

***Recovery Act resources will support an additional three wastewater
improvement
projects in communities throughout the State***

Communities across Kansas will see the creation of new jobs thanks to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) selection of an additional three projects to improve Kansas' wastewater infrastructure. The additional projects will be funded almost entirely through monies provided by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

In April 2009 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the award of \$35 million in Recovery Act funding to KDHE to fund wastewater system improvements projects. KDHE had selected a total of 27 projects to receive this funding, 12 wastewater infrastructure improvement projects and 15 projects to improve Kansas' stormwater infrastructure. An additional three wastewater improvements projects have now been selected to receive low interest loan and principal forgiveness funding with the Recovery Act funds, to ensure all available monies are utilized in a timely manner.

The additional projects to receive funding are:

City of El Dorado**Estimated Project Cost: \$710,000**

The project will upgrade the electrical system of an existing major sewage pumping station and reduce power use.

City of Derby**Estimated Project Cost: \$3,200,000**

The project will upgrade the sludge handling and biosolids reuse components of the existing wastewater treatment facilities and reduce fuel use.

Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas**Estimated Project Cost: \$400,000**

The project will fund a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) separation project within the City, reducing the flow of surface stormwater into the sewage collection and treatment system.

Note to Editors/Reporters: Projects already selected to receive wastewater system improvement funding through the Recovery Act were announced earlier this year in two news releases. Those news releases can be found at:

April 24, 2009: http://www.kdheks.gov/news/web_archives/2009/04242009.htm

June 3, 2009: http://www.kdheks.gov/news/web_archives/2009/06032009.htm

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